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Comments: I strongly urge that our utility lines be buried. The long term savings of not having to rebuild the system each time we have a hurricane, ice storm, or even a thunderstorm would outweigh the initial costs. You don't see utility lines in Europe and they don't have the problems that we have here. After being without power for 2 1/2 days already this summer, I dread what lies ahead (we were out of power for 10 days; no phone for 22 days; and cable for 31 days during Isabel. There are others who suffered more than did we. Even the squirrels eat through our phone line as it passes through the trees. Cutting our precious trees down is not an acceptable answer to the issue either. Get them underground and cut the loss of services to the consumers. Thank you.